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ZHIVKOV VISIT TO CRIMEA

1. BCP FIRST SECRETARY AND STATE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TODOR
ZHIVKOV DEPARTED AUG 11 FOR ANNUAL "CONSULTATION" MEETINGS
WITH SOVIET LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV. PRESS AND MEDIA
COVERAGE OF THE VISIT HAS BEEN MINIMAL; THE PAPERS HAVE
CARRIED ONLY ONE SENTENCE ANNOUNCING THE "SHORT VISIT" "AT
THE INVITATION OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE KPSS...."

2. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE SOVIET UNION, ZHIVKOV
RECEIVED SEVERAL KEY SOVIET OFFICIALS AT HIS SUMMER RESIDENCE
ON THE BLACK SEA.

3. AUG 10, ZHIVKOV, AT THE EVKSINOGRAD RESIDENCE NEAR
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VARNA, HOSTED LARGE SOVIET DELEGATION HEADED BY DEPUTY
CHAIRMAN OF THE SOVIET COUNCIL OF MINISTERS VENIAMIN
DYMISHITS. DYMISHITS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER OF THE
PETROLEUM INDUSTRY NIKOLAI MALTSEV AND MINISTER OF MACHINE
CONSTRUCTION FOR THE LIGHT AND FOOD INDUSTRY IVAN PUKAKOV.
ALSO INCLUDED IN MEETINGS WERE CENTRAL COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT
HEAD GEORGI PAVLOV, AND PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COMMITTEE

FG FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS SEMYON SKACHKOV. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THESE SOVIETS ARE PRESENTLY VACATIONING AT THE BLACK SEA. SOVIET AMBASSADOR BAZOVSKII ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETINGS. ON THE BULGARIAN SIDE ONLY CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY DIMITUR STANISHEV (RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERPARTY RELATIONS) WAS REPORTED AS ALSO ATTENDING.

4. ON AUG 9-10, SOVIET POLITBURO CANDIDATE MEMBER AND AZERBAJDZHAN CP FIRST SECRETARY GEYDAR ALIEV CALLED ON ZHIVKOV AT HIS BLACK SEA RESIDENCE. ON THE 10TH, EVIDENTLY PRIORHO ZHIVKOV'S MEETING WITH THE DYMSHITS GROUP, ZHIVKOV AND ALIEV VISITED THE INSTITUTE FOR WHEAT AND SUNFLOWERS NEAR TOLBUKHIN.
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